

# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST  
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☐ UNTIMELY

DATE: 12/22/2020

DOCKET #: 2021-010

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division

## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Ms. Katherine Ballard Werner  
Address: 1137 Delachaise St., New Orleans, LA 70115  
Office/Position: Choice Foundation Charter School / New Orleans / Orleans  
Dates of Service: 2013-2020 (2020 Final)  
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 10

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018 - Amendment  
Report ID: PFD19007622  
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019  
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/15/2019  
NOD-amend Received: 10/8/2020 - Signed by: Katherine Werner  
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 10/19/2020  
Amendment/Answer Filed: 10/27/2020

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$400  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 8  
Total days late from initial due date: 531  
Late Fee Order Received: 11/25/2020  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 12/15/2020  
Waiver Request Received: 12/9/2020

## COMMENTS:

Katherine B. Werner is requesting a waiver for failing to timely file her 2018 Amendment. Ms. Werner stated the \$400 late fee would create a financial strain for her at this time. She regrets this oversight, but stated in recent months, most of her "time and focus has been spent addressing two unexpected and significant personal issues". As a result, certain administrative aspects of her life have been overlooked. Ms. Werner stated it was an honor to serve on the Choice Foundation, as the foundation successfully managed two public charter schools from 2004 until July 1, 2020, when the school was transferred to another charter management organization. Ms. Werner thanks the Ethics Board for their consideration.

This is Ms. Werner's first late filing and first late fee

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

December 8, 2020

Louisiana Board of Ethics  
P. O. Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Via Electronic Mail

Re: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for 2018 – Amendment  
Choice Foundation Charter Schools – New Orleans – Orleans Parish  
Late Fee Assessment – Report PFD19007622

Dear Members of the Board:

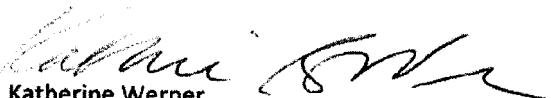
I am writing to respectfully request that the \$400 fine assessed for failing to timely file the Amendment to my 2018 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement be waived. The fine would pose a financial strain at this particular time.

While I respect the law governing the assessment of the fine and I certainly regret my oversight, in recent months, much of my time and focus has been spent addressing two unexpected and significant personal issues. As a result, certain administrative aspects of my life have been overlooked, including, regrettably, the timely filing of the amendment.

It was an honor to serve in a volunteer capacity on the board of non-profit Choice Foundation, a CMO that successfully managed two K-8<sup>th</sup> public charter schools from 2004 until July 1 of this year when we transferred the schools to another CMO.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Kind regards,



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